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DOCKET NO. 50-400
LICENSE NO. NPF-63
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 2000-005-00

Sir or Madam:

In accordance with 10CFR50.73, the enclosed Licensee Event Report is submitted. This report describes a reactor trip and an auxiliary feedwater actuation caused by an inadvertent closure of a main feedwater isolation valve.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Manual Reactor Trip due to a reduction in Feedwater Flow

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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX
B	SJ	SOL	AUTOMATIC VALVE CO	y					

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MONTH DAY YEAR

On June 20, 2000 at 1631 hours with Harris Nuclear Plant (HNP) at 100% power, control room operators initiated a manual reactor trip in response to lowering level in the "A" Steam Generator (SG). The cause of the lowering level in "A" SG was due to the unexpected closure of the "A" Main Feedwater Isolation Valve (MFIV). The low water level in "A" SG resulted in an automatic actuation of both motor-driven auxiliary feedwater pumps. The control room operators restored "A" SG water level following the reactor trip. There were no other structures, systems, or components that were inoperable at the start of the event and that contributed to the event.

Cause of this event:

A random manufacturing defect of a diode in a solenoid valve for the "A" MFIV actuator.

Corrective actions include:

The defective solenoid valve for the "A" MFIV was replaced.

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I. DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

On June 20, 2000 at 1631 hours with Harris Nuclear Plant (HNP) at 100% power, control room operators initiated a manual reactor trip in response to lowering level in the "A" Steam Generator (SG). The cause of the lowering level in "A" SG was due to the unexpected closure of the "A" Main Feedwater Isolation Valve (MFIV). The low water level in "A" SG resulted in an automatic actuation of both motor-driven auxiliary feedwater pumps. The control room operators restored "A" SG water level following the reactor trip. There were no other structures, systems, or components that were inoperable at the start of the event and that contributed to the event.

The Feedwater Isolation Valves (FWIV) are operated by an actuator that uses nitrogen gas pressure as the fluid medium. A solenoid valve arrangement is employed in the control circuit to port nitrogen off the actuator cylinder for the closing sequence. The solenoid is normally energized and closed when the FWIV is full open. The solenoid de-energizes and opens to port the nitrogen off the actuator cylinder and allows the FWIV to close. The solenoid valves are arranged in two redundant trains with 2 solenoid valves in each train. A single fused power supply is provided from auxiliary relay panels ARP-1A(SA) and ARP-1B(SB). The valve actuators were modified in HNP refueling outage 9 (R09) to improve reliability. The previous design did not have redundant solenoids in the control circuit. The plant had operated at power with the FWIVs in service for 38 days prior to the failure of the diode. The failure of the "A" MFIV was due to a shorted diode in a solenoid (E1IS: SJ-SOL) that resulted in a blown fuse in the solenoid power circuitry de-energizing the solenoid causing the "A" MFIV to go shut.

During normal power operation, the feed and condensate systems operate automatically in response to normal system transients and design accidents. The system operates with two parallel trains; each train consists of a condensate pump, condensate booster pump, heater drain pumps, four low pressure feedwater heaters, feed pump, and one high pressure heater. The combined discharge of the two feed pumps feed a common header which serves the three feedwater control valves which control total feed flow to each steam generator. Downstream of each control valve is a restricting orifice which forces a portion of the total feed flow into the auxiliary feed nozzle. At full power the feed split will be approximately 82% to the preheater of the SG and approximately 18% to the auxiliary feedwater nozzle. This prevents flow induced vibration of the tubes in the preheater section of the steam generator. The closure of the "A" MFIV did not result in a total loss of feedwater flow to "A" SG due to the parallel path through the auxiliary feed nozzle. The feedwater flow through the auxiliary feed nozzle was not sufficient to maintain SG level and a reactor trip was required when the "A" MFIV closed.

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II. CAUSE OF EVENT

A random manufacturing defect of a diode in a solenoid valve for the "A" MFIV actuator.

III. SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE

There were no releases of radioactive material and no challenges to fission product barriers as a result of this event.

This condition represents a reactor trip initiated by a reduction in feedwater flow. Reactor trips result in an increase in the PRA initiating event factor which has an effect on the calculated core damage frequency. The increase in core damage frequency is minimal, less than 1.5%, because the PRA does not model flow through the FWIV for any mitigating strategy. The assumed flow path is through the pre-heater bypass line to the auxiliary feed nozzle. This path is unaffected by this event.

This report is being submitted pursuant to the criteria of 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv) for any event or condition that resulted in a manual or automatic actuation of any engineered safety feature including the reactor protection system.

IV. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

The defective solenoid valve for the "A" MFIV was replaced.

V. SIMILAR EVENTS

There have been no previous reportable events at HNP where a MFIV has failed as a result of random solenoid failure.